

Remarks

Currently Claims 1-4 and 11-12 are pending. Claims 5-10 are amended without prejudice to remove non-elected subject matter.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-12 are subject to restriction requirement. The Office Action requires restriction among the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-4, 11 and 12 drawn to a process and apparatus for the isolation of particles produced by a process at high pressure, wherein the particles are isolated as a suspension in a non-supercritical fluid AND particles isolated from a high pressure process as a suspension in a non-supercritical fluid.

Group II: Claims 5-6 drawn to a process and apparatus for the homogenization of a particle product wherein the particles are in a suspension

Group III: Claims 7-10 drawn to a process for the isolation of a product consisting of more than one component produced by separate high pressure processes.

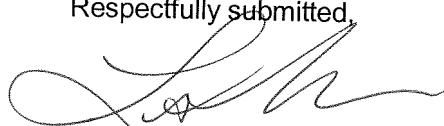
Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Examiner's Group I, claims 1-4 and 11-12, for prosecution on the merits at this time. Claims 5-10 have been cancelled to remove the non-elected inventions. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications directed toward the non-elected inventions.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (919) 483-8222, to discuss this case, if desired.

Respectfully submitted,

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